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DE 198 28 041 and corresponding U.S. Patent No. 6,178,917 disclose a pointer instrument.

DE 297 15 340 discloses a double speed indicator.

DE 197 37 679 and the English abstract attached thereto disclose an indicating system for the speed of a motor vehicle.

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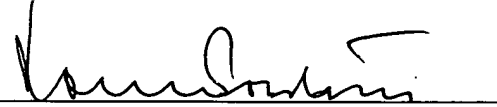
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